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In re the Application of:

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Examiner: Charanjit Aulakh

For: LIGHT RESISTANT COLORANT AND COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2005, having a shortened period for response set to expire on February 13, 2005, the following remarks are provided.

I. Provisional Election of Claims Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.142

Applicants provisionally elect **Group X (claims 1-31)** in response to the preliminary restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action.

Alternatively, as noted below, applicants provisionally elect Group IA (claims 1-31), described below. Group IA claims (claims 1-31) are directed to a light resistant colorant obtained by coupling a colorant with a light resistant material represented by Formula 1 (see application-claim 1), wherein claims 2-31 are dependent claims depending, directly or indirectly, from claim 1, and when all of the other various facts are taken into consideration, it is believed that upon reconsideration of the Examiner's initial restriction requirement, all of the pending claims should be examined in the subject application.

It should be noted that the claims of the present invention include one independent generic claim (claim 1) that sets forth a light resistant colorant and that the remaining species claims (claims 2-31) depend therefrom. As set forth below, in accordance with **Example II of MPEP 806.05(c)** Criteria of Distinctness for Combination, Subcombination, or Element of a Combination MPEP, it is submitted that claim 1, and thus also claims 2-31 which depend therefrom, of the present invention include the essential distinguishing feature of the combination as claimed (although claims 2-31 may